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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S) : Zmuda et al.  
TITLE : ORAL FLUID ASSAY FOR HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
(HCV) ANTIBODIES USING NON-ANTIBODY  
LABELING OF IgA MOLECULES RECOGNIZING  
HCV PEPTIDE EPITOPES  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/938,131  
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ART UNIT : 1648  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The initial period for responding with an Appeal Brief on the Notice of Appeal filed February 5, 2004 expired on April 5, 2004.

The requested extension and appropriate large entity fee are as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$420.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$950.00   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$1,480.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$2,010.00 |

A check in the amount of \$1,480.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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August 5, 2004



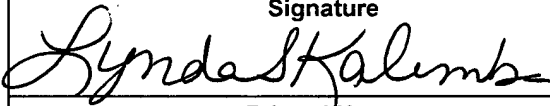
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